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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present document contains the quarterly report of the Secretary-General on the use of gratis personnel. The quarterly report covers the situation of gratis personnel during the period from 1 October to 31 December 2000.

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I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution, with a view to ensuring compliance with its provisions.

2. The present report updates previous quarterly reports (A/52/709 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/43, A/C.5/52/51, A/C.5/52/56, A/53/715, A/C.5/53/54, A/C.5/53/59, A/53/1028, A/54/533, A/C.5/54/51, A/C.5/54/54, A/C.5/55/13 and A/55/728). It covers the period from 1 October to 31 December 2000.

II. Quarterly report on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2000

3. As reported by the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, no new type II gratis personnel were brought in between 1 October and 31 December 2000. All gratis personnel involved in the forensic examination at the sites in Kosovo have been phased out over the reporting period. Of the 40 type II gratis personnel present as at 30 September 2000, 35 were released in October, 3 more were released in November and the remaining 2 departed in December 2000. As at 31 December 2000, there were no type II gratis personnel engaged by the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (see table 1).

4. The assignment of two type II gratis personnel in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), previously reported (see A/55/728), continued between 1 October and 31 December 2000.

5. The engagement of one type II gratis personnel in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) was terminated in December 2000.

6. The total number of type II gratis personnel in the Secretariat was reduced by 41 (95 per cent) over the reporting period: from 43 as at 30 September 2000 to 2 as at 31 December 2000.

III. Situation of type I gratis personnel

7. Table 2 provides data on type I gratis personnel who serve under an established regime. These are the interns, associate experts, technical cooperation experts obtained on non-reimbursable loan and gratis personnel serving with the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) (established as a subsidiary body of the Security Council to replace the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) as of 17 December 1999) (see A/51/688/Add.2, para. 4; and A/51/688/Add.3, para. 3). The total number for each category as at 31 December 2000 is compared with the numbers contained in previous reports.

8. The overall number of type I gratis personnel decreased by 50 per cent from 533 personnel (30 September 2000) to 265 personnel (31 December 2000). In conformity with their new personnel statute, all type I gratis personnel serving at UNMOVIC were phased out by 30 September 2000. The Secretariat-wide number of associate experts decreased by 35 per cent from 336 (30 September 2000) to 218 (31 December 2000), while the number of interns were reduced by 79 per cent, from 186 to 39. The number of technical cooperation experts over the referenced period decreased by 27 per cent from 11 to 8.

9. Prior to 1999, associate experts and technical cooperation experts were not recorded in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and were reported separately. Therefore, the increase in their number as compared with the numbers contained in previous reports is attributable to sometimes incomplete and late reporting to the Office of Human Resources Management of the United Nations Secretariat. Also, databases for interns previously maintained on a stand-alone basis could only recently be readjusted and synchronized with IMIS. As regards interns who are recruited at specific periods in the year, until recently they have not always been consistently reported to the Office of Human Resources Management. The Office of Human Resources Management is taking steps to improve monitoring and reduce the time lag in all non IMIS based data reporting by departments/offices.

Abbreviations used in the tables

ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
ITFY	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNMOVIC	United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission
UNSCOM	United Nations Special Commission

Table 1
Quarterly report on the number of engagements and separations of type II gratis personnel (1 October-31 December 2000)

Department or office	*Number as at 30 September 2000*	*Number engaged in October*	*Number separated in October*	*Number as at 31 October 2000*	*Number engaged in November*	*Number separated in November*	*Number as at 30 November 2000*	*Number engaged in December*	*Number separated in December*	*Number as at 31 December 2000*
ITFY	40	0	-35	5	0	-3	2	0	-2	0
ESCWA	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0
UNCTAD	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2

Table 2
Evolution of type I gratis personnel

As at	*Interns*	*Associate experts*[c]	*Technical cooperation experts*[c]	*UNSCOM/ UNMOVIC*	*Total*
31 October 1996	131	76	31	112	350
30 September 1997	195	72	32	109	408
30 September 1998	214	115	31	18	378
30 September 1999	296	290	18	25	629
31 December 1999	44[d]	344[d]	16	25	429
31 March 2000	113[d]	351[d]	13	19	496
30 June 2000	227[d]	356[d]	12	15	610
30 September 2000	186[d]	336[d]	11	0	533
31 December 2000	39	218	8	0	265

[a] 200 Series.
[b] See ST/AI/231/Rev.1.
[c] See S/22508.
[d] Adjusted.

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Budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section I, paragraph 8, of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, information on the initial estimated budgetary requirements of all current peacekeeping operations during the 12-month period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 ($2,072,562,000) was provided in the note by the Secretary-General of 8 May 2000 (A/C.5/54/61).

2. The present note updates the budgetary information contained in that note and reflects the appropriations, as well as commitment authorities with assessments, provided by the General Assembly up to the conclusion of the main part of its fifty-fifth regular session on 23 December 2000 for all current peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, inclusive of requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi. As can be seen from the table (annex), the total amounts provided by the General Assembly thus far amount to some $2.4 billion gross.

3. With regard to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), the Secretary-General, in his report dated 4 December 2000 (A/55/666), submitted a budget in the amount of $199,075,800 gross for the period from 31 July 2000 to 30 June 2001. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in its interim report dated 13 December 2000 (A/55/688), recommended that the General Assembly authorize a commitment authority of $150 million gross pending submission by the Advisory Committee of its detailed report to the Assembly at the first part of its resumed fifty-fifth session, in March 2001. By its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2001, the General Assembly approved a commitment authority with assessment of the amount of $150 million gross. Subject to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to appear in its forthcoming detailed report, the Assembly will need to complete its approval of the full financing action for UNMEE.

4. As regards the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), the General Assembly, in its resolution 54/241 B of 15 June 2000, approved a budget for the Mission amounting to $504,399,051 gross (inclusive of the prorated share of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi and the support account for peacekeeping operations) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001. This budget was based on a strength of 11,100 military personnel. However, the Security Council, in its resolution 1299

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(2000) of 19 May 2000, approved a revised strength of 13,000 military personnel for the Mission. The immediate requirements relating to this expansion have been met from within the initial approved resources pending submission of the revised budget requirements to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed fifty-fifth session. In this connection it is projected that the additional resources required will be in the order of about $95 million.

5. With regard to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the General Assembly, in its resolution 55/180 of 19 December 2000, approved a revised budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 of $225,715,700 gross, inclusive of budgeted voluntary contributions in kind. The revised budget was based on the force strength of 7,900 military personnel endorsed by the Security Council in a presidential statement of 23 May 2000 (S/PRST/2000/18). However, subsequent to the above financing action by the Assembly, it was confirmed that the budgeted deployment of two battalions early in 2001 would not take place. Moreover, in the light of the Secretary-General's report dated 22 January 2001 to the Council on UNIFIL (S/2001/66), the Council, in its resolution 1337 (2001) of 30 January 2001, decided to return the military personnel of UNIFIL to the operational level of 4,500 by 31 July 2001, including taking into account the upcoming rotations of the battalions. In view of these developments, the Secretariat, on its own initiative, has immediately adjusted downward the budgetary resources just approved by the General Assembly by $26,437,900, to $199,277,800. The downward adjustment includes the suppression of a number of new civilian posts that had been authorized. A report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed fifty-fifth session is under preparation, in which it will be recommended that the Assembly revise its approval of the UNIFIL budget for the period downward, to the reduced amount of $199,277,800.

6. Concerning the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), the General Assembly, in its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments with assessment of $200 million gross for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000. Subsequently, by its resolution 54/260 B of 15 June 20, the Assembly modified this commitment authority with assessment to $58,681,000 gross for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000, and to $141,319,000 gross for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001. The detailed report of the Secretary-General on the budgetary requirements of MONUC for the current period (1 July 2000-30 June 2001) remains to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its resumed fifty-fifth session. A survey team from the Department of Peacekeeping Operations has just returned from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Detailed resource requirements are being developed on the basis of the team's assessments. At this stage it is not known whether these detailed requirements will require additional funding from the General Assembly above and beyond the current approved commitment authority with assessment of $141.3 million.

7. On the basis of the information presented in paragraphs 3 to 6, the total budgetary amount the General Assembly could approve at the conclusion of its resumed fifty-fifth session for all peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 could be in the order of $2.6 billion.

8. In accordance with section I of resolution 49/233 A, consolidated information on the proposed budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 will be submitted to the General Assembly in May 2001.

Annex

Budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 as approved by the General Assembly during the second part of the resumed fifty-fourth session (June 2000) and during its fifty-fifth regular session (December 2000)

(United States dollars)

Apportionment by category	UNOMIG (1)	UNMIBH (2)	UNMIK (3)	UNFICYP (4)	UNDOF (5)	UNIFIL (6)	UNIKOM (7)	UNTAET (8)	MINURSO (9)	MONUA (10)	MINURCA (11)	UNAMSIL (12)	MONUC (13)	UNMEE (14)	*Total* (15)
1 Military personnel costs	4 863 200	1 825 400	7 881 500	22 456 700	18 746 300	139 640 100	24 647 000	230 940 500	7 450 200	-	-	353 553 700	10 672 700	40 941 100	863 618 400
2 Civilian personnel costs	12 785 400	114 695 100	323 051 100	9 341 000	5 158 000	29 234 700	13 071 200	191 491 600	24 975 900	130 500	73 200	35 073 000	3 874 300	14 170 600	777 125 600
3 Operational requirements															
Premises/accommodation	1 072 500	3 562 000	10 137 100	1 253 600	1 523 700	8 602 700	1 322 200	8 467 600	554 600	-	-	6 106 600	10 987 900	12 020 100	65 610 600
Infrastructure repairs	200 000	100 000	-	219 000	-	-	38 000	9 400 000	30 000	-	-	-	1 260 000	220 000	11 467 000
Transport operations	3 398 400	6 964 600	13 728 800	1 462 400	5 820 600	20 925 600	3 152 900	13 536 800	1 285 200	-	-	14 730 700	38 004 800	15 546 900	138 557 700
Air operations	2 437 700	2 788 300	6 130 400	1 214 100	-	2 182 500	2 908 100	55 210 100	4 947 800	-	-	43 599 400	13 477 000	15 536 700	150 432 100
Naval operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	108 300	2 035 900	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 144 200
Communications	771 100	5 431 500	19 782 400	864 500	481 700	4 711 300	787 300	14 884 100	1 052 100	-	-	1 771 200	28 849 800	17 128 500	96 515 500
Other equipment	482 700	2 290 400	20 345 800	656 800	866 200	6 341 600	642 200	4 862 300	1 389 500	-	-	903 600	19 206 600	11 402 500	69 390 200
Supplies and services	577 100	3 675 700	17 628 500	1 784 800	1 367 400	8 176 500	1 080 800	10 319 700	1 032 200	-	29 600	16 818 100	9 981 700	4 969 000	77 441 100
Air and surface freight	230 000	150 000	1 800 000	82 000	181 000	1 388 300	50 000	1 500 000	37 300	-	-	62 400	4 612 800	14 003 000	24 096 800
4 Other programmes	73 000	472 200	1 567 900	39 300	50 400	123 000	15 000	3 403 000	18 000	-	-	346 900	5 000	2 281 800	8 395 500
5 Staff assessment	1 508 700	8 044 800	27 946 500	1 665 600	751 400	4 209 400	1 995 000	16 948 400	3 838 800	13 000	13 000	3 760 800	386 400	1 779 800	72 861 600
6 Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-	-	180 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180 000
Subtotal	28 399 800	150 000 000	450 000 000	41 039 800	34 946 700	225 715 700	49 818 000	563 000 000	46 611 600	143 500	115 800	476 726 400			2 066 517 300
7 Prorated provision for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	222 865	1 177 285	-	322 085	274 295	1 089 216	391 038	-	365 778	1 138	530	3 741 370	-	-	7 585 600 [b]
8 Prorated provision for the support account	1 425 532	7 530 382	-	2 060 180	1 754 501	6 967 059	2 501 232	-	2 339 659	7 278	3 396	23 931 281	-	9 190 200 [c]	57 710 700 [c]
Subtotal	30 048 197	158 707 667	450 000 000	43 422 065	36 975 496	233 771 975	52 710 270	563 000 000	49 317 037	151 916	119 726	504 399 051	-	9 190 200	2 131 813 600
Commitment authority with assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141 319 000	150 000 000	291 319 000
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141 319 000	150 000 000	291 319 000
Grand total	30 048 197	158 707 667	450 000 000	43 422 065	36 975 496	233 771 975	52 710 270	563 000 000	49 317 037	151 916	119 726	504 399 051	141 319 000	159 190 200	2 423 132 600

[a] Relating to initial implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations.

[b] After application of unencumbered balance of $1,731,800 for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.

[c] After application of unencumbered balance of $2,179,400 for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.

Key:

UNOMIG = United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia; UNMIBH = United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina; UNMIK = United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo; UNFICYP = United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus; UNDOF = United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; UNIFIL = United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; UNIKOM = United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission; UNTAET = United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor; MINURSO = United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara; MONUA = United Nations Observer Mission in Angola; MINURCA = United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic; UNAMSIL = United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone; MONUC = United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; UNMEE = United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.